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THE MACH READ

NCO Induction seminar and ceremony to be held

Robins Air Force Base will hold a Noncommissioned Officer Induction seminar for newly selected staff sergeants Sept. 8 and 9 in Coats Hall (Building 2051) from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. A light breakfast will be served starting at 6:30 a.m., with an afternoon snack for the inductees. Parking is limited. Following the seminar on Sept. 9, there will be a ceremony for the inductees at the Century of Flight Hangar at 3 p.m.

Neighborhood Mayor meeting scheduled

Base residents are invited to attend the introduction of the Neighborhood Mayor program Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Smith Community Center.

The program is designed to enhance the community environment and quality of life for on-base residents. The intent is to have quarterly meetings with selected mayors and alternates, as well as neighborhood occupants. This program offers residents a chance for proactive involvement in neighborhood decisions and more.

Positions are voluntary and can be filled with military members or spouses.

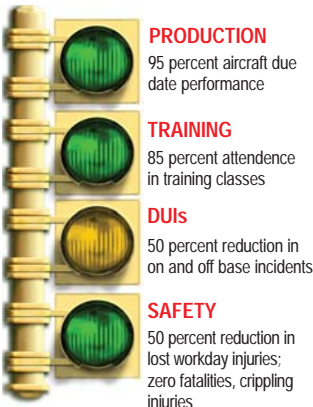
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ON TRACK

The designated goal day is Nov. 10. The measurement period began April 1 and ends Sept. 30.



**WHAT IT MEANS**  
Green means goal is being met or exceeded.  
Yellow means goal has not been met, but is still attainable.  
Red means goal cannot be met.

The information reflects Robins' progress toward the goal day as of August 24.

U.S. Air Force graphic by REV-UP STAFF

Troubleshooting for the future

Comm Airmen provide stable connectivity for future rotations

By SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM  
332nd AEW Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – In today's Air Force, communication is crucial. And, what better way to stay ahead of the game than by fixing problems before they arise?

That's exactly what one group of Airmen from the 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron is doing, which should ultimately troubleshoot future communications problems.

"When a base is first set up, the communications systems are set up for quick usage," said Senior Airman Doug Brown, a satellite communications technician deployed from Robins Air Force Base.

"Once they (antennas and cables) are replaced, it should prevent future problems for years," added Senior Airman Matthew Heist, a radio maintenance technician from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Once the base is up and running, it's common for these Airmen to come in, clean up and make the communication systems a little more permanent.

"We are moving all comm installations from tactical setup to a fixed setup," said Airman Heist.

The command post here is just one project the 332nd ECS Airmen are working on now. As a result of both a quick setup and bad weather here, the antennas are ready for an overhaul.

"The rain can rust the connectors and the wind can cause the cables to rub together causing them to fray and separate from the antennas," said Airman Heist. "Once the new antennas are in place, they will be heavily fastened to the roof."

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U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM

Senior Airman Doug Brown, a satellite communications technician with the 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron, takes down an old antenna from the top of the wing headquarters building in Iraq Aug. 24. The old antenna, which helps the command post communicate with the rest of the base, will be replaced with a new more permanent antenna. Airman Brown is deployed from the 5th Combat Communications Group here.

Davis ends 32 years of civil service

By LANORRIS ASKEW  
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Steve Davis grew up around Robins and well, in a sense, Robins grew up around him.

The Center's executive director since 1994 has seen many changes during his 32-year career and as his retirement date loomed near he shared some thoughts on how things have changed and what the Robins means to him.



Steve Davis is retiring

The landscape

Mr. Davis began his career at what was then the Warner Robins Air Materiel Area in 1973. Although as the son of an Airman he came to Robins much earlier.

"I've actually spent portions of five decades at Robins," he said. "I was an Air Force dependent for 17 years, and we first moved here in 1962. I always enjoyed my father being in the Air Force, and I thought it was a great institution. I think it certainly led me to seek a career with the Air Force."

That search led to a contracting job in the Directorate of

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airmen from the 78th Security Forces Squadron who returned Sunday from a deployment to Iraq listen to an in-briefing Tuesday morning. The Airmen served as base security at Kirkuk Air Base during a six-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

78th Security Forces members return

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While many people envision celebrating their 21st birthday in a trendy downtown hotspot, Senior Airman Marianne Scott celebrated hers in one of the hottest spots on the map.

There were no streamers, balloons, or music to announce the milestone event; instead the young Airman spent the day as she had the days before – work-

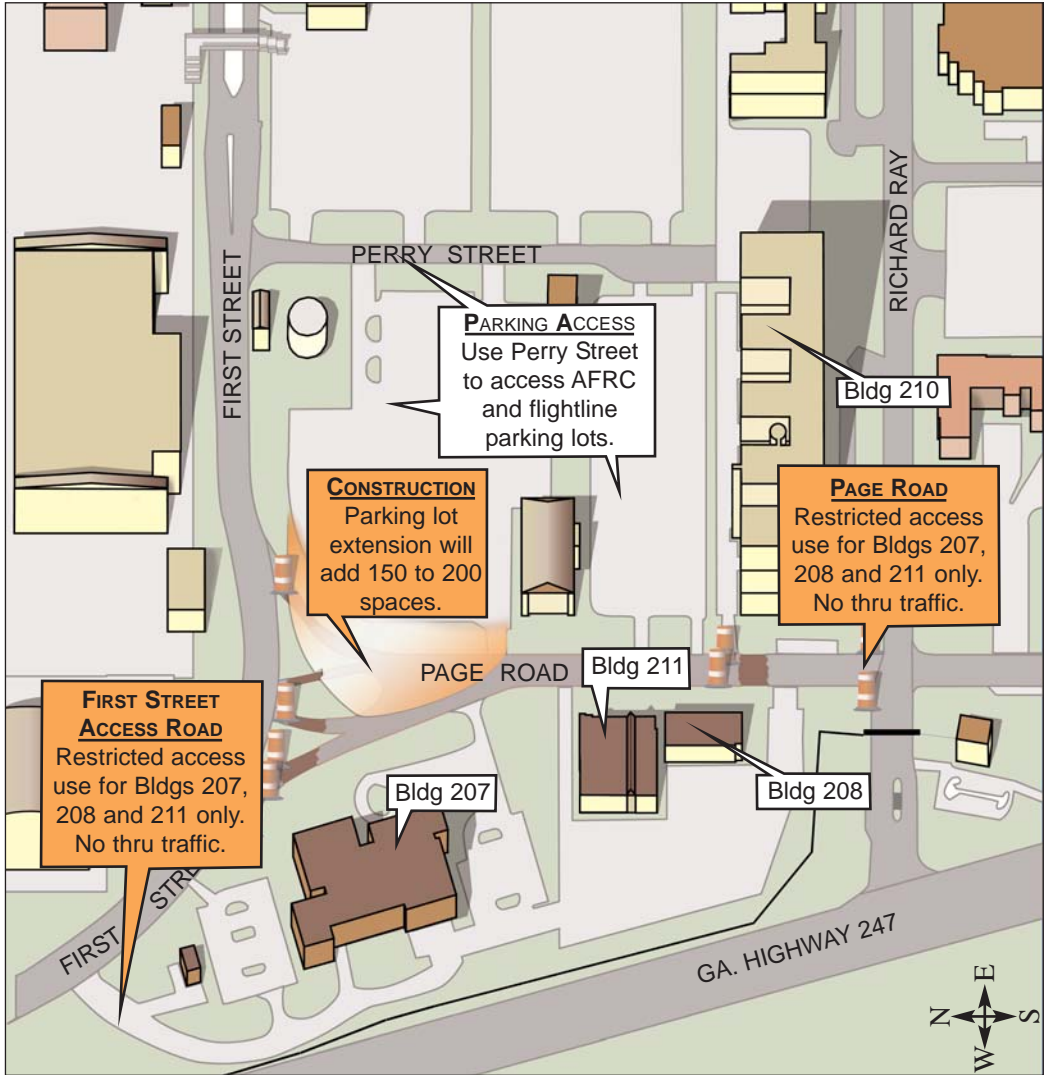
ing a 12-hour shift in a guard tower overlooking a field outside Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq.

The 78th Security Forces Squadron entry controller was among 24 of the squadron's members who returned Aug. 28, from a six-month long deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We were there to provide security for the base," she said.

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Intersection partially closed for construction



U.S. Air Force illustration by STAFF SGT. BRIAN BAHRET

Page Road north of its intersection with Richard Ray Boulevard and west of Building 210 partially closed on Monday to install a security gate. The closure is expected to last about 35 days. Base drivers should avoid the area if possible.

THINK SAFETY

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**SLOW DOWN ► 571** speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

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# DAVIS

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Procurement and Production in April 1973. Since then the Senior Executive Service member has served in many capacities and has watched Robins change before his eyes.

“The landscape has changed significantly,” he said. “Many new buildings and hangars have been constructed since I first came here.”

From newly-built hangars on the flight line and a new Fitness Center to a new dining hall, hospital clinic and main gate complex, the topography has changed, while others haven’t.

“The base population has remained relatively constant during my career, but the demographics have shifted,” said Mr. Davis. “The ALC has decreased in size, particularly in the non-maintenance areas, but on the other hand we’ve added operational missions to the base so the number of employees has stayed about the same.”

He added that the ALC mission has also changed.

“When I came into the Air Force we had almost 280 C-141s and I think we’re down to 13 now,” he said. “But we’ve added C-5 and C-17 maintenance. With the advent of computer technology the way we do business is different than 32 years ago. The way we partner with industry is very different.”

The retiring executive director said when he first started his career in contracting, a very arms-length relationship with industry was the norm.

“That has changed dramatically in that we are now partnering with the defense industry, particularly with the C-17 with Boeing and the JSTARS with Northrop Grumman,” he said.

## Challenges

With change comes challenges and Mr. Davis has seen his share of those.

“I think the most difficult challenge we’ve faced during my tenure here was transitioning all of the workload from McClellan Air Force Base, Calif., and Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, as result of BRAC 95,” he said. “We moved the C-5 PDM program here, C-5 management, management of support and automatic test equipment from both of those centers and we picked up C-17 SSM responsibilities, so moving all of those workloads here at the same time was very challenging.”

That coupled with the fact that the number of people coming from the centers to Robins was not sufficient to meet the



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Steve Davis, Center executive director, will retire Saturday.

workload meant an onslaught of hiring and training had to be done in advance of the workloads’ arrival.

“It was a huge challenge,” he said. “The C-5 PDM contract, which we won through competition, was especially challenging when we had to continue repairing C-5s that were at Kelly and at the same time begin the PDM here.

He said in many cases there was only one set of tooling so it had to move from center to center depending on what the aircraft required.

“We had a lot of technical surprises, parts issues and had to hire more people than anticipated,” he said. “But, it’s very rewarding to see where we are on the C-5 program today. We’re turning out every aircraft on time, reducing the flow days and at the same time we are doing more work on the C-5. That has been especially rewarding to me, and it speaks very well of all of the maintenance people on the C-5 program. Through their tenacity and perseverance they’ve turned what was a difficult program into a very successful program. That is true of all the people who work all of the workloads that moved from Kelly and McClellan to Robins.”

## Shared leadership

Being a high ranking civilian on a military installation isn’t as unusual as many may think. According to Mr. Davis, at all Air Force Materiel Command centers, because of the significant civilian population, they employ the concept of shared

## RETIREMENT

Steven Davis, Center executive director since 1994, will retire effective Saturday.

Ken Percell, former director of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, will replace Mr. Davis. Col. Andrew Busch, who has been selected for promotion to Brigadier General, replaced Mr. Percell in a ceremony Wednesday.

leadership.

“Yes, our Center commander is and always has been military, but that has changed at least at Oklahoma City,” he said. “In our Center three of our four wings are led by civilians, many of our groups and many, if not most, squadrons are also led by civilians. So, both military and civilians have opportunities for leadership, which I think is very good.”

Another concept praised by the outgoing director is the leader and deputy leader concept which typically employs a military and a civilian.

“This works very well because the military person has served at various bases throughout the Air Force and brings that experience. The civilians typically have remained at Robins and bring with them the continuity and the depth of knowledge of what we do at the Center,” he said. “So, it’s a great combination and a great way to manage. And certainly being the executive director, it’s a great opportunity to work closely with the

Center commander and the vice commander on a daily basis.”

## Gone, but not forgotten

That relationship and those cultivated with countless others at Robins is one of the things he will miss most.

“I’ll miss the work and the people,” he said. “The mission we perform here is vital to the national defense. The work has been very challenging but very rewarding to me, and I will miss that. I’ll also miss the people, many of whom I’ve worked with my entire career. I’ve made literally hundreds if not thousands of friends here at the base. I’ll miss that daily interaction with them but at the same time my retirement will provide new opportunities for me.”

The husband, father of two and grandfather of two hasn’t made any definite plans yet, but is sure he will remain in the area.

“I don’t know what I will do post retirement,” he said. “I don’t know if I’ll start another career or perhaps work part time or not work at all and do volunteer work. I do want to stay connected with Robins and the middle Georgia community so I hope to find some meaningful way to do that.”

As he walks into retirement effective Sept. 3, Mr. Davis leaves a message for those who have touched his life.

“I’d like to thank all of the employees at Robins and in the ALC that have supported me so well during my entire career,” he said. “I’d ask that they provide the same support to Mr. (Kenneth) Percell as he becomes executive director.”

# Reservations accepted for the 21st Middle Georgia Military Ball

Reservations are being accepted for the 21st Middle Georgia Military Ball Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

Entertainment will be provided by Full Spectrum, the jazz ensemble of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve; the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team; and the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

The theme for this year’s ball will be the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force’s First Flight of the C-130.

Anyone interested in attending should call their organizational monitors. The following are taking reservations:

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- 99 ARS – Capt. Daniel Whatley, 327-6784
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## Labor Day Holiday Hours

- The following facilities will be open on Labor Day, Sept. 5:
- Fitness Center, open from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
  - Flight Line Kitchen will remain open (Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food) will be closed)
  - Lodging, normal hours
  - Pine Oaks Golf Course and Fairways Restaurant, normal hours and tee times
  - Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

- The following facilities will be closed Sept. 5 (note other days)
- Aero Club, administration and sales
  - Arts & Crafts Center
  - Auto Skills Center, Sept. 4 - 5
  - Base Library
  - Base Restaurant
  - Bowling Center
  - CDC East and West
  - Civilian Recreation
  - Enlisted Club, closed Sept. 3 - 5
  - Equipment Rental Center
  - Family Child Care
  - Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food)
  - Food Service office
  - Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, closed with answering machine reviewed every two hours
  - Human Resource office
  - Information, Tickets and Travel, Sept. 3 - 5
  - Marketing
  - Nature Center
  - Officers’ Club, Sept. 4 - 5
  - Pizza Depot, Sept. 3 - 5
  - Resource Management office
  - Robins Japanese Grill
  - Skeet Range
  - Smith Community Center, Sept. 3 - 5
  - Teen Center, Sept. 3 - 7
  - US Veterinarian Services
  - Wood Hobby shop, Sept 5 - 6
  - Youth Center





U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM  
**Senior Airmen Doug Brown, right, a satellite communications technician and Matthew Heist, a radio maintenance technician with the 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron, hook up a cable to a TRC-176 antenna from the top of the wing headquarters building here Aug. 24. The old antennas, which help the command post communicate with the rest of the base, will be replaced with a new more permanent antennas. Airman Brown is deployed here from the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins, and Airman Heist is deployed here from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.**

## CONNECTIVITY

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Even though the command post hasn't reported any communications problems as of yet, it would be just a matter of time before their connectivity would start to diminish.

"Eventually it (command post) might have communications failures and interference, which can cause static," said Airman Brown.

"Even the giant voice system would eventually have problems

working correctly," added Airman Heist.

The Airmen from the 332nd ECS here are also currently fixing the 332nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron's and the maintenance operations center's communication systems and will eventually make every facility's connectivity more permanent.

*Editor's note — Senior Airman Tim Beckham is assigned to the 116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs Office.*

## RETURN

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"My job was to sit in a tower for 12 hours and watch a field to make sure no one tried to set up rockets or mortars to attack the base."

It's a job that was at times scary, but one she and her fellow defenders took seriously.

"The first time it was really scary because I was working at night, and I could see the sparks and flames coming at us. The second time I was working days and it was kind of funny because I guess I had gotten kind of used to it."

Tech. Sgt. Jeff Toellner remembers the first attack too.

"It's my most vivid memory of our time over there," he said. "It was our second night. It was scary, but something we were kind of glad that happened because it woke us all up to the fact that there were people outside the fence that wanted to kill us."

The bravo sector assistant flight chief said being in a leadership position gave him a chance to put others at ease in the face of peril.

"We were responsible for air base defense and providing a safe, secure environment for the Air Force and the Army to operate out of," he said.

"As a leader I tried to help the troops maintain focus on what they were doing because if they saw their leadership carrying on through the adverse things going on like rocket attacks it would help them out tremendously."

Airman Scott said the drill was simple — when the rockets were launched they went into alarm red



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
**Chaplain (Capt.) Erik Tisher asks 2-year-old J'Niyah Long if she's glad to have her daddy back home. Her father, holder her, is Airman 1st Class Jesse Long.**

which meant donning protective gear.

"We took cover, donned our gear and waited for alarm green to sound and then went back to work," she said. "When we first got there it happened like twice a week, but by the time we left it was more like twice a month. It had really calmed down."

While the alarms stopped work in its tracks on the base, back at home life never stood still. And although Sergeant Toellner didn't celebrate a birthday in Iraq he did miss a couple. The husband and father of six said that was the hardest part of being away from his family.

"I've had TDYs before, but they never went past four weeks and here I was gone for six months," he said. "I missed my wife's birthday, three of my sons' birthdays and my oldest son's high school graduation."

In spite of it all he is proud of his service.

"It feels good to have served," he said. "I was scared going over there not knowing what to expect, but when you get over there and you see the way the people are living it's really humbling to see. We as the spoiled Americans are thinking I can't wait to get home to get that new TV because the 48-inch one I already have just isn't big enough and you see the kids day after day dirty in the same clothes, it makes you feel good



**Senior Airman Marianne Scott**



**Tech Sgt. Jeff Toellner**

knowing what we're over there for, trying to help to give them their freedom so they can one day live something like us and to give them some hope."

Airman Scott agreed.

"I feel different now that I'm back," she said. "I think it was all worthwhile."

They endured 12-hours shifts, 100-plus degree weather and life-threatening attacks, but it wasn't all bad.

"The living conditions were better than I expected," she said.

The Columbus, Ga., native expected tents and sleeping bags, but was pleasantly surprised by modular housing, air conditioning and daily e-mail and phone service.

Both Airmen said they are happy to be home and are looking forward to spending time with their families. The troops are currently on a two-week rest and relaxation leave which began Tuesday.



# Gas lines



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Top: As gas prices off base hit \$3 a gallon, customers line up at the AAFES gas station Wednesday to fill their tanks.

Left: Security Forces members were on the scene to manage the traffic around the gas station.



U.S. Air Force photos by ERIC PALMER

Major Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, passes the guidon to Col. Andrew Busch (right) as he takes command of the 402nd Maintenance Wing.

## Ceremony marks leadership change for 402nd Maintenance Wing



Col. Andrew Busch became commander of the 402nd Maintenance Wing in a ceremony held Wednesday at the Century of Flight Hangar at the Museum of Aviation.

After six months directing the maintenance wing, Ken Percell relinquished leadership of the 402nd Maintenance Wing and passed the guidon to Col. Andrew E. Busch.

The ceremony took place Aug. 31 in the Century of Flight Hangar at the Museum of Aviation.

Busch, who has been selected for promotion to brigadier general, comes to the 402nd after serving as deputy director for Logistics Operations, Directorate of Logistics and Sustainment, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Mr. Percell has been selected for reassignment as executive director of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. He replaces Steve Davis.



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Baby on board

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Airman Aaron Post and his family wait to leave a C-17 Globemaster III after being evacuated from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., in the wake of Hurricane Katrina on Aug. 30. Airman Post's wife gave birth to their daughter during the hurricane without any power in the hospital at Keesler. He is assigned to 81st Transportation Squadron.

Davis was one of Macon’s finest

Robert Frost, American poet extraordinaire, wrote a while back his famous “The Road Not Taken” describing how a traveler in life took the path that few traversed and how that experience significantly impacted his life and those around him forever. I guess we all come to a fork in the road at some point in our lives and decide which path to follow ... which life choice to make. Literally, let me take you to a real fork in the road in our local area that many pass daily or weekly and maybe have never noticed. On the way north to Atlanta on I-75, right before the I-16 split, where vehicles veer right to Savannah or left to Atlanta. Off to the left there is a clearing in the wood line leading from the highway to the hilly grounds of Linwood Cemetery. In that space there is a special Marine marker and gravesite for Macon’s

Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient, Sgt. Rodney Maxwell Davis. And now, page two to the story, the man beneath the marker. Seargent Davis was born April 7, 1942, in Macon, Georgia. He attended elementary school in Bibb County and graduated from Peter G. Appling High School in 1961. After graduation he enlisted in the Marine Corps. After basic training, Rodney was assigned to Co. K, Third Battalion, Second Marine Division, at Camp Lejune, N.C., and served as a rifleman there until May 1964. Then a lance corporal, Davis was sent to London, for a special tour as guard with the Marine Detachment. In 1966 he was promoted to the ranks of Corporal and then Sergeant. Ordered to the Republic of South Vietnam in August 1967,

he was assigned duty as a Platoon Guide with Co. B, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division. On Sept. 6, 1967, Sergeant Davis was operating with his unit in the Quang Nam Province on a search and clear mission during Operation Swift, when they were attacked by a large North Vietnamese force. Elements of the platoon were pinned down in a trench line by mortars, heavy automatic and small arms fire. He went from man to man encouraging them and returning fire at the same time. An enemy grenade fell in the trenches his men were fighting from and without hesitation he threw himself on it. He saved his fellow Marines in a selfless act and earned the nation’s highest military decoration...the Medal of Honor. In his honor the USS Rodney M. Davis (an Oliver

Hazard Perry class frigate) was commissioned in 1987. (http://united-states-navy.com/ffg/FFG60.HTM). On Sept. 6, it will be 38 years since Macon’s Rodney Davis traveled the road not taken. Sergeant Davis, then 25 years old, came to that proverbial fork in the road and made the ultimate decision and sacrifice placing his comrades’ safety before his own. So, the next time you ride north to Atlanta and when you can safely glance toward the clearing in the woods off I-75 before the I-16 split, say hello to one of Macon’s and this nation’s finest ... say hello to Marine Sergeant Rodney Maxwell Davis. Semper Fi, dear Rodney, Semper Fi.

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Staff Historian, Headquarters  
Air Force Reserve Command

‘Dear Roz’

**Q: As a Supervisor at Robins, are there steps that I could take to ensure a more successful transition to NSPS within my organization?**

A: Managers and supervisors are key elements in helping their staff successfully transition to NSPS. Employees are relying on their supervisors to provide them guidance and leadership through this transition while instilling confidence and trust that the new NSPS is a step toward a more rewarding future as a civil service employee. The following are some suggestions on what you as a supervisor or manager can do to help your employees get ready for NSPS: Discuss with your staff your organization’s mission and goals for the year. Help them understand how their work contributes to your organizations Strategic Alignment and Deployment Plan. Provide feedback to your employees (timely and specific) about their performance and share what is and is not working (a calendar to remind you of when and how often you meet with your staff

might be helpful) Keep abreast of the latest information on NSPS. The Center NSPS Community of Practice (CoP) website is updated on a regular basis. This website contains the various resources available for NSPS information which includes Department of Defense, Air Force, Robins CoP and other bases CoPs, and other DoD components such as Army and Navy, etc. The Center NSPS CoP website can be accessed through the Robins Home Page – once on the home page, look for the NSPS Logo in the middle of the page. The Center NSPS CoP contains specific information on how supervisors and employees can prepare for transition to NSPS. Host periodic informal or formal meetings with your staff to share what you know or have learned about NSPS. Sharing with your staff the knowledge you have gained on this subject will build on your current relationship with your staff. They will see that you are being responsive to change while at the same time you as a supervisor are going through the same changes. Allowing

them to express their concerns and fears about the new system will show you are there to provide understanding and guidance during this transition. Also, taking the time to host these periodic meeting on NSPS with your staff, will further demonstrate your commitment to implementing this new personnel system. Both supervisors and employees will make the difference in a successful transition to NSPS. We are all an integral part of the goal to move the DoD into a new era of employee opportunity and excellence, “NSPS.” Everyone is encouraged to view the Robins Homepage – NSPS Logo, for the latest information on NSPS. If your organization has not received the WRALC/CCN NSPS Overview, please contact Ms. Rosalind Overton at 926-4023 to set up a date and time.

Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees’ NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton is a National Security Personnel System transition assistant.



Col. Greg Patterson  
78th Air Base Wing  
commander

Commander’s  
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible: Security Forces 327-3445; Services Division 926-5491; EEO Office 926-2131; MEO 926-6608; Employee Relations 926-5802; Military Pay 926-3777; IDEA 926-2536; Base hospital 927-7850; Civil engineering 926-5657; Public Affairs 926-2137; Safety Office 926-6271; Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393; Housing Office 926-3776. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Speed Bumps Needed

I'm still very angry and upset: I was almost hit Aug. 11 at 3:35 p.m. by a female driving a white SUV exceeding the area speed limit of 20 mph while I was stepping into the crosswalk outside Building 300, West Wing, near Bay A, before the corner of Richard Ray Boulevard and Byron Street. I credit the lady who was stopped in her Cadillac with saving my life, because I paused one second to check traffic again. If it wasn't for her, I would have been part of the crosswalk and also a hood ornament, because the SUV didn't stop or slow down. She continued across Richard Ray at a high rate of speed again. This is not the first time I have come extremely close to getting hit while in a crosswalk. The 20-mph speed limit does not seem to be taken seriously or enforced, as I constantly see vehicles going faster everywhere on base than on Ga. Highway 247. I realize the horsepower to enforce the speed limit is not there, and the honor system does not work either. With all the improvements the base is undergoing with parking lots and street re-directions, can you please direct my suggestion where it will be heard: I propose that the base find a way to raise the pedestrian crosswalks into large speed bumps like those on the Georgia Tech campus. Or else install speed bumps every quarter mile to make people slow down. I'll be more than happy to pay for one speed bump if it saves one life – mine.

Colonel Patterson's Reply Thank you for your concern for pedestrian safety on Robins Air Force Base. When we opened our new main gate, we made significant changes in the road network near Byron Street and Richard Ray Boulevard. Those changes in traffic flow require drivers and pedestrians to be more vigilant in adjusting to the new arrangement. We will continue to monitor traffic and make adjustments, as necessary, to make the area as safe as possible for pedestrians as well as vehicles. Our security forces regularly monitor speeds on Richard Ray and issue tickets when appropriate. Unfortunately, installing speed bumps on a major thoroughfare would actually hinder the response time of emergency vehicles in a situation where every second counts. In addition, on weekends, holidays and in the evening hours the speed limit on Richard Ray Boulevard is 30 mph. At this speed, speed bumps would be a safety hazard. We will continue to emphasize driving safety in the Rev-Up and other forums. Thanks again for your interest in keeping Robins a safe place to live and work.



# Packing the goods

## HAWC dietician dishes out advice about healthier lunch for kids

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Making a lunch that packs a nutritional punch that kids can swallow is not as hard as some parents may think, Nathan Hamman said.

Mr. Hamman, a registered dietician with the Health and Wellness Center here, said getting the right nutrients in kids’ mid-day meal is as easy as one, two, three.

“I would try to include three of the five food groups in their lunchbox each day,” he said.

“You want to include foods like grains, cereals, vegetables, fruits, dairy, and meats. You need to get three servings at each meal in order to get the total for the day.”

While it’s good to encourage healthy eating, Mr. Hamman cautioned that parents shouldn’t be too demanding.

“Encourage kids to eat healthy, but don’t force it,” he said. “If you force it, they may never eat that food again. Keep trying different foods over and over with kids at home, because their tastes change, and what they might not have liked six months ago, they may like now.”

And while some kids may throw fits at the sight of vegetables, Mr. Hamman said offering a variety of the nutrient-packed foods in different forms may help win them over.

“Try foods in different ways,” he said. “A lot of kids don’t like cooked vegetables, but they may like them raw. You can add cheese, low-fat salad dressings or cut them in fun shapes to make them more appealing.”

Staff Sgt. Brittani Fandozzi, 19th Aircraft maintenance Squadron aircraft support technician and mother of three, said keeping junk food out of her cabinets and packing healthy alternatives in her 7-year-old daughter Naomi’s lunch is just a continuation of healthy eating habits started at home.

“Usually, there will be either a peanut butter and jelly or a low-sodium, low-fat turkey sandwich, with light mayonnaise or mustard,” she said. “For sides, we buy Goldfish crackers and a piece of fruit. We usually give them Juicy Juice to drink, since it’s 100 percent juice.”

You won’t find candy, chips and other junk food snacks in the Fandozzi household.

“They occasionally get junk food, but it’s a treat when they do,” she said. “We don’t take the kids with us when we go grocery

shopping. That way, they don’t know what we’re buying, and we can buy the right things for them without their wanting to buy something they saw on television.”

The Air Force mom said she and her husband, Steven, began instilling healthy eating habits with all of their children at the kitchen table.

“Start giving them healthy choices at home so that you know what they like and will eat,” she said.

Mrs. Fandozzi said making her daughter’s lunch fun by including items such as string cheese and fat-free pudding cups, and storing healthy snacks in cartoon-themed sandwich bags, encourages her daughter’s enthusiasm about the homemade meal.

“Using fun lunch boxes themed with their favorite cartoon characters and adding little touches like using the cartoon-themed sandwich bags helps keep it interesting for them, so they look forward to lunchtime,” she said.

The young mother recently saw the fruits of her labor when she joined her daughter for a cafeteria luncheon.

“She went through the line and got to pick out what she wanted for lunch,” she said. “She picked out healthy items, like salad. I was so pleased to see that she still goes by what we’ve taught her.”

Mr. Hamman said instilling healthy eating habits early in life helps to ensure kids grow up to be healthier adults.

“It’s better to start forming healthy eating habits earlier, because habits they form early go with them into adulthood,” he said. “If you wait to form these healthy habits, it’s probably going to be more of a fight.”

For parents like 1st Lt. Luke Prisk, 78th Air Base Wing executive officer, and his wife, Jessie, the battle to get their 8-year-old son Brandon to eat healthy is an on-going war.

“When he was a baby, he liked the fruits and vegetables in baby food form,” she said. “But as he’s gotten older, all he seems to like is pizza, chips, cookies, hot dogs, and chicken. Apple sauce is about the closest thing we can get to him eating fruit, so we get as many varieties of that as we can.”

Mrs. Prisk said despite some kids’ tendency to shun more nutritious foods, parents should keep serving up good nutrition.

Dr. Sandra Brenner, a clinical dietician and diabetes educator with Houston Health Care, said parents should offer kids a variety of foods and avoid drawing attention to “picky eating habits.”

“If you think you have a picky eater, you are never to say that in front of the child,” she said. “You’re never to tell their friends, because you reinforce the behavior when you (draw attention to it).”

Dr. Brenner said tailoring meals around kids’ likes and dislikes allows kids to be defined by



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Staff Sgt. Brittani Fandozzi, aircraft support technician with the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and her 7-year-old daughter Naomi, mix tuna salad for her lunch.

### WHAT TO KNOW

For more information, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480. Other helpful information may be found at the following Web sites:  
[www.nutritionforkids.org](http://www.nutritionforkids.org)  
[www.dole5aday.com](http://www.dole5aday.com)  
[www.3aday.com](http://www.3aday.com)

those preferences – a behavior she said keeps them from learning to like new things.

If kids just can’t resist their craving for snack foods, Dr. Brenner said making cookies using an oatmeal base and packing baked chips is a way to add fiber and reduce fat and sodium often associated with “junk food.”

Dr. Brenner said the bottom line with encouraging kids to eat healthier is to stick to it.

### SPUNKY VEGGIE PIZZA

**Ingredients:**  
¾ cup of pizza sauce  
1 large Italian pizza shell  
1 cup of chopped broccoli  
1 cup of shredded carrots  
½ cup of sliced red or green bell pepper  
5 or 6 ounces shredded low fat mozzarella or cheddar cheese

**Directions:**  
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Spoon pizza sauce on a pizza shell on a cookie sheet. Arrange vegetables over sauce. Sprinkle on cheese. Bake 10 minutes.  
Preparation Time: 15 minutes.  
Cooking time: 10 minutes.  
Servings: 8

### LUNCHTIME TIPS

1. Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. This helps prevent spoilage and food borne illnesses.
2. Include at least three of the five food groups in each meal to ensure proper nutrition.
3. Limit junk food.
4. Let kids help pack their lunches.
5. Buy and prepare foods for lunch in advance to save time.



# 5th MOB inducts honorary commanders

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About 700 members of the 5th MOB took some time away from the mission Aug. 18 to welcome new honorary commanders to the group and enjoy a little down time.

The day-long festivities, included the induction of four of six community business leaders into the 5th Combat Communications Group's Honorary Commanders Program at Robins Park.

Col. John Lent, 5th CCG commander, said the program is a way to strengthen ties with the community.

“We do a lot of good things, and I think it’s important that the community learns a little bit about what we do for the Air Force and our nation,” he said. “In turn, we give back to the community, and these people will serve as the liaisons to strengthen our relationship with the community.”

The group’s honorary commanders, which were nominated by the 21st Century Partnership and approved by Col. Lent, will participate in select briefings, commander’s calls and other functions as they represent their respective squadrons for the next two years.

Brad Fink, owner of Sonny’s Real Pit Bar-B-Q and 53rd Combat Communications Squadron honorary commander, said he’s looking forward to the opportunity.

“It’s a play on words, but the honorary commander role is very much an honor,” he said. “I’m looking forward to meeting some of the enlisted troops and leaders here. I think to be able to have a community partnership, it has to happen on both sides of the fence.”

Chuck Shaheen, Purdue Pharmaceuticals senior medical marketing representative and 54th Combat Communications Squadron honorary commander, said being involved with the unit will be a learning experience.



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**Left to right: Megan Smith, Kathy Balleto, Brad Fink and Chuck Shaheen were made honorary squadron commanders at a ceremony Aug. 18 at Robins Park. Two more honorary commanders, Tom Makin and Marlan Nichols, will be inducted at a later date.**

“The program gives us a chance to find out exactly what they do, especially during this time of war,” he said. “It’s a privilege to support the troops this way.”

Other honorary commanders like Kathy Balleto, Golden Key Realty real estate agent and 52nd CBCS honorary commander, shared his sentiment.

“Without the base, we would be nowhere,” she said. “Anything that I can do to support our troops, I’m glad to do it. There’s no way we could do

enough to support these troops.”

Megan Smith, Perry Chamber of Commerce president and chief executive officer and 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron honorary commander, said she hopes to be able to reach out to troops through the program.

“We drive past the base all the time, and we don’t know what the mission entails,” she said. “I’m looking forward to learning more about the base and introducing the military mem-

bers to what Perry has to offer.”

Marlan Nichols, Nichols Cauley and Associates Accounting Firm certified public account and 5th CCG honorary superintendent, and Tom Makin, Cox Communications’ Customer Operations Director and 51st Combat Communications Squadron honorary commander, will be inducted at a later date.

To wrap up the day, 5th MOB troops and their families participated in a variety of sporting events and even a dunking booth to soak commanders and others selected by vote on the sweltering family afternoon.

“I think it went very well,” Capt. Mike Varner, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron’s Training Flight commander, said. “We’re very thankful for everyone who helped with putting this together.”

## HONORARY COMMANDERS

- 5<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Support Squadron – Megan Smith, Perry Chamber of Commerce president;
- 51<sup>st</sup> Combat Communications Squadron – Tom Makin, Cox Communications Customer Operations director;
- 52<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron – Kathy Balleto, Golden Key Realty real estate agent;
- 53<sup>rd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron – Brad Fink, owner, Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q;
- 54<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron – Chuck Shaheen, Purdue Pharmaceuticals senior medical marketing representative;
- 5<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Group superintendent – Marlan Nichols, Nichols Cauley and Associates certified public accountant and partner.



# The Fog of War

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP  
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Sipos takes cover during a simulated attack at Warrior Air Base here Aug. 26. The demonstration was part of U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall's visit to Robins. The Congressman's tour included a test flight in an F-15 by the 339th Flight Test Squadron, a tour of the F-15 program depot maintenance area and a guest speaking engagement for the Air Force and Retired Officers Associations joint luncheon.

## The scenario:

*A vehicle approached the entry control point, and one person exited the vehicle and tried to get in. He pulled a weapon and was "shot" by defenders. When that happened the opposing forces, or OPFOR, initiated an attack by throwing smoke grenades and ground burst simulators. The defenders defeated the OPFOR and reestablished security. One of the person surrendered, and the defenders took him into custody.*



Two Airmen cross razor wire during the simulated attack.



Above, 5th Combat Communications Group Airmen wait in a bunker.

Right, Congressman Jim Marshall visits with members of the 5th Combat Communication Group. His tour included a test flight in an F-15 conducted by the 339th Flight Test Squadron, a tour of the F-15 program depot maintenance area and a guest speaking engagement for the Air Force and Retired Officers Associations joint luncheon



A member of the opposing forces, or OPFOR, is apprehended during the exercise demonstration.



## WHAT TO KNOW

The 5th Combat Communications Readiness School team provides a two or three week force protection course for Reserve and active duty respectively, which is one of the most demanding, realistic training environments available anywhere. In addition to demanding academics, they also focus on developing leadership, basic survival, physical fitness and war fighting skills in each student. Learned skills are tested during a four-day field training exercise during which students must build and tactically defend an airbase. Realistic scenarios complete with role players and real-time communication feeds to test commanders' skills in wartime situations.

## State Rep gets taste of the MOB

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U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall got a taste of MOB mentality August 26.

The congressman's visit to Robins, which included a variety of tours and a speaking engagement, gave the 5th Combat Communications Group's Combat Communications Readiness School a chance to showcase its ability to prepare troops for war in the most realistic of environments.

His visit to the 5th MOB began with a mission brief and tour of the facilities in Building 1371 before driving a HumVee to Warrior Air Base for a first-hand look at how they do business.

"We ran an Air Base Defense scenario to demonstrate some of our training," said Master Sergeant James Hill, chief of instruction. "There was a Deployable Initial Communications Element, or DICE team, in the area which had set up satellite communications that allowed the congressman to make a phone call on the system."

After showing their ability

to set up communications in austere environments, the Airmen then demonstrated how they defend their assets.

According to the sergeant, the troops ran through a scenario involving 30 defenders and Airmen serving in an opposing forces, or OPFOR, role.

Sergeant Hill said the congressman's feedback was positive.

"(Congressman Marshall) seemed well pleased with the results," he said. "He said the demonstration gave him flashbacks to his time in Vietnam. He was very well versed in the tactics employed and seemed to enjoy the 'show'."

When the demonstration was over Congressman Marshall spoke to all players about his experience in the Vietnam conflict and a group photo was taken.

Other stops on the Congressman's tour included a test flight in an F-15 conducted by the 339th Flight Test Squadron, a tour of the F-15 program depot maintenance area and a guest speaking engagement for the Air Force and Retired Officers Associations joint luncheon.



TODAY

All-you-can-eat catfish and the fixings are served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club. For more information, call 926-2670.

Enjoy Thunder Alley bowling every Friday and Saturday from 9 - 11 p.m. at the Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Friday is family night. Children 12 years old and younger bowl for \$5; over 12 years old, \$10. On Saturdays everyone bowls for \$10 per person. This includes all the games you can bowl in two hours and shoes. For more information call 926-2112.

Get back in top form for the new bowling season by bowling Monday – Friday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$3 for three games. For more information call 926-2112.

The Joint Forces Bingo, located in the east wing of the Enlisted Club, has new surprises and door prizes. The hours are Tuesday through Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games are 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Any one with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, Department of Defense or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members, and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

SUNDAY

The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for non-members. For more information, call 926-2670.

MONDAY

Come out and enjoy line dance lessons every Monday from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Cost is \$30 per person, and class size is limited to 40 students. Must be 16 years and older to participate. For more information, call 926-2105.

TUESDAY

Come out and learn the latest in line dancing starting Sept. 6. Class will meet each Tuesday from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. This is a four week class and cost is \$40 per person. Must be 16 years old and older to register. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Karaoke is held at the Enlisted Club every Tuesday from 8 p.m. - midnight with Bobbie. For more information, call 926-4515.

WEDNESDAY

Dance lessons are given every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Officers' Club. For more information, call 926-2670.

UPCOMING

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park Sept. 9 for a family-feature presentation of “Hook.” The movie will start at dark, about 8:15 p.m. This is a 3C event. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Come out to the greatest after work party and ladies night out every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Enjoy jazz and rhythm and blues entertainment by Ken Trimmins and Quiet Storm Sept. 8. Cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-4515. Ladies night will not be held Sept. 1.

Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care is available Sept. 9 from 6:30 – 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program. An advance \$6 non-refundable deposit is required by the prior Monday for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and complete required forms prior to making reservations. For more information call CDC East at 926-5805.

Scrapbookers will get together in the ballroom at the Smith Community Center Sept. 10 from noon – 6 p.m. The ballroom provides ample room to spread out supplies, share ideas and trade stories with fellow scrapbookers. For more information call 926-2105.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to

Services spotlight



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The Aero Club is located in Building 186 on Perimeter Road. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members are allowed access 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. For more information on club membership, call Helen Lisenby at 926-4867.

Registration for fall youth bowling leagues begins Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. with league play beginning Sept. 24. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

The Al-Sihah Shriners circus will be held Sept. 10 and 11 at the Macon Coliseum. Advanced tickets sales are available at ITT; \$10 adults and \$5 children (4 - 12 years). Show times are Sept. 10 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sept. 11 at 1:30 and 5 p.m. For more information, call 926-2945.

Join the Grandparents Day celebration at the bowling center Sept. 12. Family members pay regular price and grandparents bowl for free. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Private pilot ground school registration is being held now through Sept. 12 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. School starts Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. One hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$575 and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 – 50-hour course, lasting about 10 weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Register soon as classroom seating is limited. For more information, call the Aero Club at 926-4867.

A \$1,000 giveaway challenge club drive kick off party will be held Sept. 13 from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Robins Park. Current and new club members will enjoy live entertainment, prize drawings and free dinner for club members and one guest. The squadron that signs up the most new members that day will receive a \$500 credit towards a party. Squadrons must sign up a minimum of 25 new members that day to be eligible. For more information call the Enlisted Club at 926-4515 or the Officers' Club at 926-2670.

A quarterly pool tournament will be held Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. on the second floor of the Smith Community Center. This event is limited to 16 players. Register by Sept. 12. This is a 3C event. For more information call 926-2105.

Join the fun at Boss N' Buddy night Sept. 14. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and trivia games will begin at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. This event includes prizes and appetizers. For more information call the Officers' Club at 926-2670.

Enjoy a couple's night out while playing a 9-hole scramble at the Pine Oaks Golf Course Sept. 14 and 28 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 per annual green fee couple or \$35 per non-annual green fee couple and includes green fee, golf car, food and prizes. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

An adult kick ball game will be held Sept. 17 starting at 11 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Time to celebrate the Air Force's birthday Sept. 18. All active duty may bowl three games for only \$3 all day just by showing their military ID card. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Everyone is invited to come out and roll the dice for great fun and prizes during Bunco at the Smith Community Center Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. Participants must be 16 years old or older to play. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

The Arts and Crafts Center will be accepting entries from youth and adults for the artist's craftsman and photo contest base-level Sept. 19 and 20. Judging will take place on Sept. 21. Winners will be announced and certificates presented on Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. Open to all military, DoD and immediate family members. For more information, call 926-5282.

A family bike hike “Poker Run” best hand wins is slated for Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Get your boots and hats and mosey on down to the Robins Officers' Club for Country & Western fun Sept. 24 starting at 6 p.m. Western dinner special includes sweet jalapeno glazed roasted half chicken, chuckwagon corn, garlic red skin mashed potatoes, smoked bell pepper combread, salad bar, peach cobbler and beverage. Cost is \$12.95 for members; \$13.95 for nonmembers. Best-dressed cowboy and cowgirl and yodeling contests will be held. A country and western band will be entertaining from 7 – 11 p.m. For more information call 926-2670.

A beginning belly dancing class is scheduled for Sept. 23 – Oct. 28. This class will meet on Fridays from 6 – 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the community center. Register by Sept. 21 as class space is limited. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Robins Hispanic Heritage Committee presents the Hispanic Spectacular Show Sept. 24 at the Museum of Aviation amphitheater from 7 – 10 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Enjoy a night of cultural music and live performances. Bring your lawn chairs, snacks and beverages. For more information, visit <http://members.cox.net/rafb-hho-2005/>.

Win prizes at Family Night Bingo at the Smith Community Center Sept. 26. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per package (limit three packages per person). Every child leaves with a door prize. This is a 3C event. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

The ITT office has tickets for the Oct. 1 and 2 Food World 300 and UAW-Ford 500 at the Talladega Super Speedway in Talladega, Ala. Tickets located in the Talladega section are \$110. This is for both

days and includes a pre-pit pass for Sunday race. Tickets are also available for the Oct. 29 and 30 Easy Care Vehicle Service Contracts 200 and Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Tickets are \$50 for both days and are located in the east turn section. For more information call 926-2945.

Georgia National Fair admission tickets for \$5.50 and ride sheets for \$10 are available at ITT. The fair is Oct. 7 – 16. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

A fall classic will be held Oct. 6 – 8 at the Pine Oaks Golf Course. Classic includes a 54-hole team event and individual event. Cost is \$100 per player and includes three days of golf with golf car, ice breaker, dinner, awards and prizes. Limited to the first 100 active duty and retired active duty players. There will be an additional 80 spots for all other eligible players. All players are automatically entered into the individual competition. Both events will run concurrently and will be conducted in accordance with USGA and local rules. To learn more call the golf course at 926-4103.

ONGOING

Air Force Materiel Command Texas Hold 'Em tournaments continue at the Robins Enlisted Club Sept. 10, 17 and 24 with sign up at 12:30 p.m. Games start at 1 p.m. This is free to club members and is \$15 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-4515.

Ever wonder what it feels like to win a thousand bucks? Join the Enlisted Club or Officers' Club any time between now and Nov. 30 and you could learn what it feels like. New and current member winners will receive a \$1,000 credit towards their club card account. For more information call the Enlisted Club at 926-4515, or the Officers' Club at 926-2670.

Save money by making vacation plans with the Armed Forces Vacation Club. A seven-day condominium lease is \$264 per week. Locations are available around the world. For more information call 1-800-724-9988 or go online at [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com). Robins AFVC installation number is 79.

Link Up 2 Golf at Pine Oaks Golf Course offers participants more than \$300 in savings for \$99 per person. The program includes eight hours of instruction, complimentary club rental, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. Link UP 2 Golf will conclude with a three-hole graduation scramble. For more information, call the golf course at 926-4103.

Bring your league sanction card to the Robins Lanes Bowling Center and bowl for \$1.50 a game to keep in form for fall leagues. For more information, call 926-2112.

To have an item listed, send it to Amanda Smith at [amanda.smith@robins.af.mil](mailto:amanda.smith@robins.af.mil) by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

The following person has been approved as a leave recipient.

Alex J. Tripp, 542 MSUG/GBMUBB.

Point of contact is Jean Edge at 327-9127.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

Sky High

Kurt Russell, Michael Angarano

When you're the son of the world's most legendary superheroes, The Commander and Jetstream, there is only one school for you – Sky High, an elite high school that is entrusted with the responsibility of molding today's power-gifted students into tomorrow's superheroes. The problem is that Will is starting with no superpowers of his own and, worst of all, instead of joining the ranks of the “Hero” class, he finds himself relegated to being a “Sidekick.” PG (action violence and some mild language) 102 minutes

SATURDAY

Wedding Crashers

Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn

Vaughn and Wilson star as a pair of divorce mediators who spend their weekends crashing weddings in a search for Ms. Right... for a night. But when one of them falls for the engaged daughter of an influential and eccentric politician at the social event of the year, they get roped into spending a weekend at the family's palatial waterfront estate and quickly find themselves in over their heads. R (sexual content/nudity and language) 119 minutes (No one under 17 admitted without an accompanied parent or guardian).

UPCOMING

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo

Rob Schneider, Eddie Griffin

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.



# Game Night helps spouses of deployed servicemembers relax

The Family Support Center is giving spouses of deployed servicemembers a chance to get out and have a little fun. Spouses will have the chance to get to know other spouses facing similar challenges of military life, at the FSC's Deployed Spouse Game Night, Sept. 9 from 6:30– 10 at the Smith Community Center. Tech. Sgt. Michael Bullard, Family Readiness noncommissioned officer in charge, said the FSC wanted to provide the spouses with a relaxed setting. “This is to keep our family members connected,” he said.

WHAT TO KNOW

The Family Support Center is hosting a Deployed Spouse Game Night Sept. 9, from 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. on the second floor of the Smith Community Center. The evening will include a variety of family-friendly games and dinner provided by the Pizza Depot. Free childcare for Air Force spouses is available. Parents must register their children for childcare services by 4:30 pm. on Sept. 7. The Air Force-funded program, “Give Parents a Break” is available only to Air Force members and their spouses. Army servicemembers may pay for childcare through the Child Development Center. For more information, contact the FSC at 926-3453.

“While their spouses are gone on deployment, this gives them a support group. They can share experiences make new friends and learn lessons from those veteran spouses who have done this more than once.” In addition to a variety of card and board games, the FSC and Pizza Depot are teaming up to provide spouses dinner.

Joy Ashley, Key Spouse Program manager, said events like the game night give spouses a chance to relate to others. “Events like this provide them another opportunity to be around others who are in the same situation that they’re in,” she said. “Anything that gets deployed family members together is an opportunity for them to find support – and that’s always a good thing.” Tech. Sgt. Bullard said it’s important for spouses to connect, especially when loved ones are deployed. “We try to provide some

activity for spouses at least once a month,” he said. “This is just one of the many events we hope to do in the future.” Free childcare will be provided for Air Force spouses through the Air Force Aid Society-funded program, Give Parents a Break. Spouses of Army servicemembers who want to attend the event may pay for childcare at the Child Development Center.

## Helping hands



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. STACY L. PEARSALL

AFRICA -- Capt. Chuck Rohrig entertains a youngster while volunteering at an African orphanage. U.S. servicemembers volunteer to help feed, change, bathe and clothe the infants twice a day. Captain Rohrig is assigned to the 1st Combat Camera Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

## Air Force Reserve Band presents free concert series

By TECH. SGT. JESSICA L. WELLES  
Band of the United States  
Air Force Reserve

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Museum of Aviation will present a free concert series at the museum’s amphitheatre, beginning Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. “The people and communities of Middle Georgia are such great supporters of Team Robins and the Air Force Reserve,” said Capt. Chad Steffey, Reserve Band commander and conductor. “The September Concert Series is a wonderful opportunity for us to give something back to them. It’s also special for the band members to play at home for their friends and families, since we spend most of the year traveling.” This year’s series will kick-off with the Celtic rock group Southern Aire.

Southern Aire is a band component made up of members from the Air Force Reserve Pipe Band. The musicians perform Celtic music on a variety of traditional Irish and Scottish instruments. Concert goers are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic, lawn chairs and blankets. The series continues weekly through September. ► The Concert Band will perform side-by-side with students from Houston County’s four high schools in its first Wingman Concert Sept. 12. ► Blue Notes will play a blend of jazz and blues with a touch of Latin spice, blending traditional swing with today’s rock, comedy, choreography, and audience participation Sept. 20. ► Reserve Generation will play contemporary adult hits, rhythm and blues, jazz, country, hits from the ’60s, and

selections from Billboard Magazine’s Hot 100 including rock, rap and hip-hop Sept. 27.

In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be held in the Century of Flight Hangar.



► IN BRIEF

COMMANDER SUPPORT  
STAFF TRAINING

The 78th Mission Support Squadron's Military Personnel Flight will host their monthly Commander Support Staff in-house training session at 3 p.m., Sept. 7, in Building 905, Room 240 (MPF training room). The training topics will consist of a briefing on the state and future of the personnel career field, assigning AEF billets in PC-III, and Citrix (CSS MILPDS) training. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Oakley Coleman at 327-7337, or Master Sgt. John Petain at 327-7343.

REACH MENTORS SOUGHT

Volunteers who are interested in changing their lives by helping others are sought for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center REACH program. The Center manages the Raising Educational Achievement for Children of Houston County (REACH) program, and is in need of volunteer mentors. Affiliated with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, REACH volunteers mentor their little brother or sister during school hours. The mission of REACH is to help students improve school attendance, improve academic performance, reduce disciplinary problems and improve their self-concepts. Mentors are granted administrative leave, in conjunction with their lunch breaks, to spend one hour a

week with their child tutoring them in one of their weak subjects. Schools are in need of volunteers, and children are on waiting lists at most schools. To become a mentor or to obtain more information, contact Laura Lunday at 926-7988 or e-mail [Laura.Lunday@robins.af.mil](mailto:Laura.Lunday@robins.af.mil). Information can also be found at <http://pkec.robins.af.mil/Mentor/Mentor.htm>, which is linked from the Robins AFB home page.

MAF GOLF TOURNAMENT  
SCHEDULED

Golfers are invited to play in the 16th annual Museum of Aviation Foundation Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament, Sept. 22-23, at the Pine Oaks Golf Club at Robins Air Force Base. The two-day tournament, which benefits the Museum of Aviation, is made up of three separate rounds on Thursday and Friday, with separate prizes for each round. Tee times are noon on Thursday and 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Friday. Sponsors and players can sign up by calling the Museum of Aviation, 923-6600, or emailing [june.lowe@museumofaviation.org](mailto:june.lowe@museumofaviation.org) or [marylynn.harrison@museumofaviation.org](mailto:marylynn.harrison@museumofaviation.org).

CHILDCARE LICENSING  
ASSISTANCE OFFERED

Individuals living in base housing who provide care for children other than their own for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis must be licensed.

Anyone who provides care on a regular basis and is not licensed is asked to contact Vera Kasley, FCC coordinator at 926-6741 to start the licensing process. Individuals who fail to do so may place their housing privilege in jeopardy, which may be revoked by the mission support group commander. For more information call Family Child Care at 926-6741.

FREE CHILDCARE  
AVAILABLE

Individuals who have just returned from a 30-day or more deployment are eligible for up to 16 hours of free child care. The Returning Home Care program offers deployed parents up to 16 hours of free child care per child under this unique Expanded Child Care program. Eligible users are active duty members, Air National Guard and Air Reserve members assigned to or living on Robins. The care is provided in the extended duty care FCC home. Contact Family Child Care at 926-6741 for more information. Child Care for PCS offers 20 hours of free child care per child to be used within 60 days of active duty members' arriving or departing Robins. Child Care for Volunteers is also available at no cost to parents. The eligibility certificate for each program is issued at the Family Support annex, Building 945. All licensed family child care providers participate in both programs. For more information contact Family Child Care at 926-6741.

# Some active duty officers eligible for CJTF assignment credit

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Active duty officers in the grades of major and above, and some captains, are eligible to receive joint duty credit for deployments due to a recently expanded list of approved operations. The fiscal 2002 National Defense Authorization Act and Title 10 United States Code Section 664 authorizes cumulative joint duty credit only applies to officers who deployed for at least 90 continuous days to an approved combined joint task force headquarter-

ters staff. The cumulative credit may be used in combination with a present or future joint duty assignment to allow early departure from a joint duty position. The legislation does not apply to officers serving in medical, legal or religious career fields. Captains, who filled a valid major or above billet, may receive the joint duty credit. Officers can access the JTF credit Web page at [https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/jtf/owa/jtf\\_main.home](https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/jtf/owa/jtf_main.home) for self-nom-

ination application procedures and a list of approved operations. The Web page also lists required supporting documentation to verify proof of service. More information, such as where to fax or e-mail supporting documentation, is available at Air Force Personnel Center's Joint Assignment Section Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/jom/>. Officers may also call Air Force Personnel Center at DSN 665-3720 or commercial at (210) 565-3720 for more information.

## \$400,000 of SGLI coverage starts Sept. 1

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE — Four hundred thousand dollars of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance automatically goes into effect for everyone in the U.S. military Sept. 1. If people don't want the maximum SGLI coverage, they will have to change it in writing, even if they opted for much less or none in the past. The current maximum coverage is \$250,000. In addition, a new law now requires the services to tell spouses if servicemembers designate a primary beneficiary other than their current lawful spouse, or they turn down SGLI coverage or reduce it after Sept. 1. To change insurance amounts or who gets it, Airmen

need to visit their unit's commander support staff or military personnel flight to fill out a SGLV Form 8286. If deployed, their personnel for contingency operation team can help. Air Force Reserve Command personnel officials here said changes on the form will not be accepted before Sept. 1. SGLI coverage still runs 6.5 cents per month for \$1,000 of insurance, but the increments of coverage change from \$10,000 to \$50,000. If people take no action, the monthly maximum premium automatically goes from \$16.25 to \$26. Airmen can avoid the increase if they turn in a form before Sept. 30. This change does not affect

coverage of family members under the Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. Veterans can opt for more coverage under Veteran Group Life Insurance if they are covered by SGLI before separating from the service. The increased SGLI coverage becomes retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001, for survivors of servicemembers who died in a combat zone, combat operations or combat-related situations. If death occurs between Oct. 7, 2001, and Sept. 1, 2005, survivors receive \$150,000 in transitional insurance, bringing the total maximum coverage to \$400,000. — *AFRC News Service from American Forces Press Service*





U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. CANDY KNIGHT  
Airmen with the 21st Airlift Squadron from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., prepare to unload emergency rescue equipment here from a C-5 Galaxy Aug. 30. The equipment will be used for Hurricane Katrina relief operations in Mississippi and Louisiana.

# AMC answering humanitarian call in aftermath of Katrina

By MASTER SGT. PAUL FAZZINI  
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — The Tanker Airlift Control Center here started generating missions Air Mobility Command aircrews will fly supporting Hurricane Katrina relief operations in Louisiana and Mississippi.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, through Northern Command and U.S. Transportation Command, asked for airlift support to fly relief supplies to the stricken region, said Col. Jeff Franklin, the center controller working hurricane relief mission taskings.

“We’ve already tasked two aeromedical evacuation airlift missions to fly from Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., to (Lackland AFB) in San Antonio,” he said. “In addition, AMC has been tasked to fly five

other strategic airlift missions into Lafayette Regional Airport in Lafayette, La. Four of those are C-5 (Galaxys) and the other is a C-17 (Globemaster III).”

A mix of total force Airmen from active-duty, Guard and Reserve bases nationwide are flying the missions, the colonel said. They will move everything from inflatable boats to urban search and rescue team members and their equipment. Because airports and airfields in the Biloxi and New Orleans areas are without power because of extensive damage from the hurricane’s high winds, rain and flooding, aircraft are primarily flying cargo and people into Lafayette, located northwest of the coastal areas.

There has not been a staging area established for incoming cargo and people yet, the colonel said. However, the 615th Contingency Response Wing at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., is

flying into Lafayette on the first C-5 Galaxy aircraft.

“They will serve as an advance team to help receive the aircraft and cargo, and will stay there throughout,” Colonel Franklin said.

The AMC vice commander, Lt. Gen. Christopher A. Kelly, said the command is ready and committed to supporting the relief operations.

“AMC Airmen are capable of providing the emergency response support needed to help the region begin recovering from this devastating hurricane,” he said. “They proved their capabilities and worth during tsunami relief operations in December and January. And, just like it was then, airlift will be a central part of this operation.

The general said the command will “work hard” to meet every request any of the agency “sends our way.”

— *AMC News Service*

# Keesler Air Force Base damaged in storm

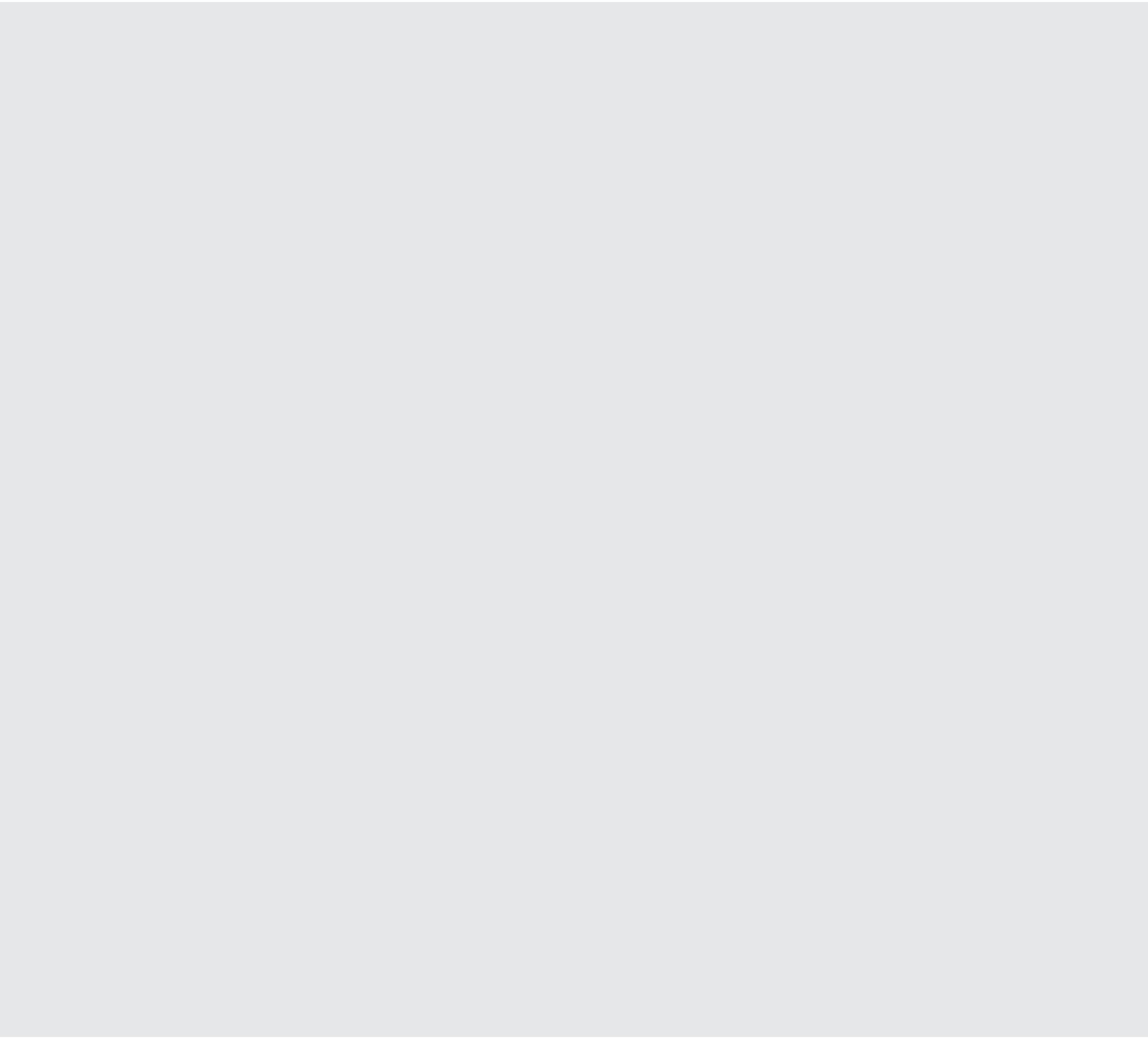
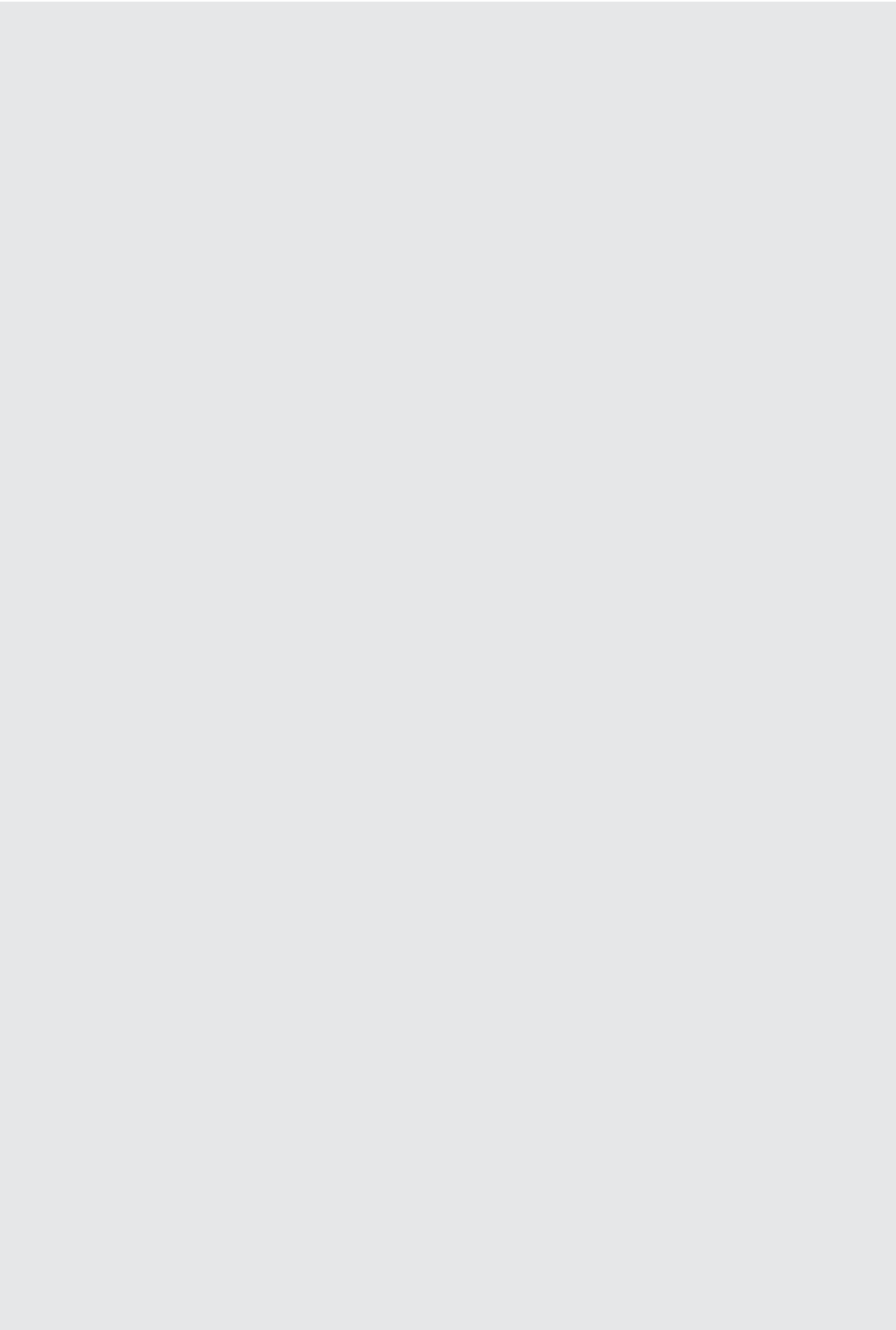
by Louis A. Arana-Barradas  
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO -- Hurricane Katrina smashed “a good 95 percent” of Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., turning it into a pile of debris and mud, said a base spokesperson.

Lt. Col. Claudia Foss, 81st Training Wing public affairs officer, said water surges from the Gulf of Mexico and the Bay of Biloxi reached depths of five to six feet at times.

Fortunately, there have been

no reports of people killed or injured at Keesler, she said. More than 6,000 people rode out the storm in seven shelters at the base and all are accounted for. But elsewhere the storm has claimed at least 68 lives and the death toll is expected to rise.





# All in a day’s work



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**MASTER SGT. BEQUETTA WASHINGTON**  
First Sergeant  
78th Security Forces Squadron

“I’ve been on station here about two months coming from Japan. This is my second security forces squadron, so I’ve been around and know how they think. In a nutshell, the first sergeant is the mother, father, sister and brother to the people. We are their link to the commander. If they have problems, we either fix it or get them help. We use the resources we have on base and send them to the agencies that have the training and capabilities to get them the help they need.

“We have a lot of young kids in this squadron. The average age is 19 to 21, and a lot are from this area and think they can still hang with their old buddies. But that doesn’t necessarily work when you go into service. You’ve got to take them under your wing. Knowing that they have someone to talk to and hear what they say makes a big difference. Little things like dropping by to chit chat face-to-face means a lot. You have to know about them and their lives and families. You can’t supervise through e-mail. NCOs just have to step up and listen to their folks, or we could lose them.

“I love dealing with people especially the young troops. You can mentor them and in most cases they will listen and appreciate it. Just to see a smile on a troop’s face whom you’ve helped means so much.”